

January 4, 2021

Conner MacIver

Town Administrator

Town of Barrington, N.H.

Re: Consideration for CDBG Funding to repair/replace the failed and failing sewage disposal systems located at the Barrington Oaks Cooperative.

Dear Mr. MacIver,

The Barrington Oaks Cooperative is a small community of manufactured homes with 49 units, of low to moderate income homeowners located in the Town of Barrington. With help from the ROC-NH we were able to purchase our land in 2002 thus preserving all our homes. Over the past 20 years, we have learned a lot and continue to make improvements to better our small community for everyone.

The most recent project completed in early 2020 was the community's source of water. It had been identified as deficient and with help and funding from the State of N.H., we were able to dig a new well and upgrade our filtration system. We were also able to decommission several dug wells per state guidelines.

Unfortunately, over the past several years we have begun to identify and address numerous issues located within our sewage dispersal systems. For instance, the 2 largest leach fields that have Biocon tanks both have media inside that is clogged and plugged up. This prevents the material inside these tanks to not break down properly or at all causing more problems when the system tries to pump the material from the tanks to the leach fields. To address this issue, we are currently pumping out our system every 4 months at a cost of \$8,000.00 per event. Some other identified issues include "D" boxes that are filled with roots, manholes for access that require repair and maintenance, and an overwhelming odor that is emitted from the leach fields that permeates back into our community. Because our system is older, it has been also harder for us to source materials needed to continue our maintenance efforts. The budget required to pump out and maintain our dispersal system leaves us without money for other needed items such as road maintenance, tree care/removal and basic maintenance for our 4 smaller leach field systems.

We are currently working with an Engineering firm to provide us with a report to address our needs and to come up with an estimated cost. Unfortunately, due to staffing issues and Covid-19 restrictions the report has been delayed. Lastly, we are asking for consideration because of our non-profit status. We provide our residents a great low-cost option to home ownership and due to the completion of our recent water project and mortgage debt, tackling this new project is not financially feasible currently.

On behalf of the residents of the Barrington Oaks Cooperative, we thank you and appreciate any consideration on our behalf for funding through the CDBG program.

Sincerely Yours,

Suzanne Smith

President

Barrington Oaks Cooperative